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Good NEWS for England,

OR THE

Heads of a PEACE

PROPOS'D by the

FRENCH KING.

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THE Kings of *Sweden* and *Denmark* have lately had a Project of Peace preferred them by the French Envoys at their Courts, Monſieur *D'Avaux*, and Monſieur *Bonrepos*: And to ſhew the world that their Maſter is in earneſt they tell the Northern Kings 'tis their Honor and Intereſt to preſs the Allies to accept it. They are almoſt angry with, tho they don't threaten thoſe Princes, but tell 'em it behoves 'em to procure this Peace, or elſe to joyn with one of the two Parties.

The *French* charge the *Dutch* with being the occaſion of this War; but how fairly every common Eye can ſee: however they are willing to re-eſtabliſh Peace and Traffick with the States General, as they were agreed on before this war begun.

And the Moſt Chriſtian King deſires only the Reſtitution of what *England* has taken from him in the Iſlands and Continent of *America*, *viz.* *St. Chriſtophers*, *&c.* and then he will reſtore and confirm the Treaties that have been broken by this war.

France pretends to be kind to *Spain*, tho ſhe does not deſerve it at her hands; for ſhe declar'd war againſt *France*. *Mons* and *Namur*, (which laſt is theirs already) ſhall be theirs again. They will keep *Luxembourgh*, which is a City and Province; a Dukedom of very large extent, and advantageouſly ſeated to aſſiſt them to carry their Arms into *Germany*. The *French* King is kind to the young Duke of *Lorrain*, and offers him very largely, and ſays, he cannot but return Thanks for his generous manner of dealing with him upon this occaſion.

France demands that the Treaties of *Weſtphalia* and *Nimiguen* may remain in their full force; and that which was concluded at *Ratisbon* in the year 1684. under the name of a Truce for Twenty years, may be chang'd into a definitive Treaty of Peace.

They wou'd fain keep *Strasburgh*? which cannot be permitted, the States of *Swabia* and *Franconia* having pray'd His Imperial Majeſty by no means to agree to that; and add, they will rather make a new Levy of Ten Thouſand Men againſt the next Spring to carry on the war; and they are much in the right, for if *Strasburgh* remain in the *French* hands, the Empire will always be the ſtage of war.

Next the moſt Chriſtian King offers to reſtore the *Palatinate*, and its dependences to the Duke of *Newbourgh*.

In compenſation for the City of *Strasbourgh*, and the Forts, of which the Moſt Chriſtian King is in Poſſeſſion, and which he will hold immutably both for himſelf and his Succeſſors: firſt *Montroyal*, and *Tarback*, ſhall be demoliſh'd, and reſtor'd to the Prince to whom they belong, never to be Fortified again, during the Peace. Secondly, that all the Works of *Fort Lewis*, and *Hunningben* that lie beyond the *Rhine*, in reſpect of *France*, ſhall be demoliſh'd: Thirdly, *Philipsburgh* with the Fort ſhall be ſurrendred, Fortified as they are; and *Friburgh* in the ſame condition it is.

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gether unprovided to maintain their Ground. On the 28*th* of *November*, about 6 a Clock in the Morning, we reach'd them, and their Horſes were grazing in the adjoining Field, whilſt they lay Sleeping ſecure in their Tents, and had no advanc'd Guards towards that part of the Country

As for the Dutchy c. *Deux Ponts*, the *French* King to resign it to the King of *Sweden* in the same condition now it is, and never to lay claim to it for the future, tho by the Deeds and Evidences it appears that that same Dutchy depends upon the Bishoprick of *Mentz*.

The Emperour having signified, that he is not willing the *French* shou'd remain in Possession of *Strasburgh*, many reasons are offer'd by the *French*, but nothing will do, for that City is too considerable to be quitted by the Empire.

The Most Christian King declares, that he has a cordial desire to establish a Peace that may maintain *France*, and the Empire in a lasting repose; that his Majesty choses rather to preserve one City, *viz. Strasburgh* that lies next to *France*, and surrender up two, *viz. Philipsburgh* and *Friburgh* that lie next to *Germany*, to demolish so many strong Fortresses, and restore so large an extent of Country.

He is resolv'd inviolably to observe the Peace, and hopes the Emperor will do the same, to prevent the effusion of Christian Blood.

His Majesty offers to restore to restore to *Spain* all the Places without any exception which he has won from that Crown.

The French *are very unwilling to revive infinite Disputes, which might supply matter for a new War, rather than a means to end this; they are not for cutting out Negotiations that might last long, or take up too much time, they are for Demolishings and Restitutions, to reconcile all matters contained in former Treaties, and provide for the diuturnal security of the Empire, as well as that of* France, *and consequently for a perpetual endurance of a firm and perfect Correspondence.*

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